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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 381  
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A RESOLUTION to recognize Henry County as the "Volunteer  
County".

WHEREAS, each of Tennessee's 95 counties is an important part of the Volunteer State's proud heritage and panoramic history; and

WHEREAS, Henry County is an especially precious jewel in the State of Tennessee's crown; and

WHEREAS, Henry County was originally part of the Jackson Purchase, land between the Tennessee and Mississippi Rivers that was purchased from the Chickasaw Indians by President Andrew Jackson in 1818; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly officially created the County of Henry on November 7, 1821, and Henry County soon became the gateway for the settlement of West Tennessee and beyond; and

WHEREAS, the town of Paris was established as the county seat of Henry County on September 23, 1823 and is West Tennessee's oldest incorporated municipality; and

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WHEREAS, Henry County is named in honor of the great Revolutionary War patriot and statesman, Patrick Henry; and

WHEREAS, during the Civil War, Henry County sent more than 2,500 volunteers to the Confederacy and was given the honorific title "Volunteer County of the Volunteer State" for providing more volunteer soldiers per capita than any other county in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Henry County was the site of several significant battles and campaigns during the War Between the States: U.S. General Ulysses S. Grant initiated the Battle of Paris on March 11, 1862 and Confederate General Nathan Bedford Forrest began his Johnsonville campaign at Paris Landing on October 29, 1864; and

WHEREAS, the good people of Henry County have established a distinguished record of volunteerism that even surpasses the State of Tennessee's high standards for excellence in public service; and

WHEREAS, this impressive achievement should not go unnoticed and unappreciated by the General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize Henry County as the "Volunteer County of the Volunteer State," even as we pay tribute to Henry County's illustrious history of volunteerism of the highest order.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.